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RYBAT CATUSK ☐ ☐

1. ☐ ☐ BRIEFED ☐ ☐ AFTERNOON 20 JAN RE PLAN  
OF ALIAS ACKERMANN TO HAVE HEINZ FELFE ~~DECLARE FOR~~ WEST  
WHILE IN PROCESS OF BEING EXCHANGED FOR EX-CATUSK AGENT  
PRISONERS AND THREE GERMAN STUDENTS BEING HELD BY GDR/SOVS.

2. ON SATURDAY, 18 JAN, A COMPLETELY TRUSTED  
SCIENTIST/PSYCHIATRIST HELD FORTY-MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH  
FELFE IN HIS CELL, HAVING PRESENTED HIMSELF AS REPRESENTATIVE  
OF UNSPECIFIED PUBLISHING FIRM. MADE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL  
TO FELFE: WEST GERMANY WOULD AGREE TO LATEST EAST GERMAN  
PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE FELFE FOR SOME TWENTY IMPRISONED  
CATUSK AGENTS AND THEIR EAST GERMAN WIVES AND FAMILIES,  
PLUS THREE GERMAN STUDENTS IN CUSTODY OF SOVS. THE  
DRILL CALLS FOR ~~EXCHANGE OF THE EX-CATUSKERS AND THEIR~~ THE RELEASE  
~~OF THE EX-CATUSKERS AND THEIR~~ OF THE EX-CATUSKERS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES. TWO days later the students would BE RELEASED, AT  
WHICH POINT FELFE WOULD MAKE HIS DECLARATION TO REMAIN IN  
THE WEST.

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3. INDUCEMENTS FOR THIS ~~DEFER~~ DECLARATION BY FELFE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. REUNIFICATION WITH HIS WIFE (WHO ADMITTEDLY IS NOT SUFFICIENT ATTRACTION IN HERSELF TO CAUSE HIS DEFECTION) AND HIS DAUGHTER (WHO IS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM AND AFFECTION BY FATHER).

B. GUARANTEE AGAINST RE-IMPRISONMENT.

C. ASSISTANCE IN CHANGING IDENTITY AND SAFEHAVEN IN <sup>THE</sup> ~~THE~~ WEST WITH COMPLETE PROTECTION AGAINST INTIMIDATION OR BODILY HARM FROM THE EAST.

D. COMPLETE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY FOR TWO TO THREE YEARS TO ENABLE HIM TO WRITE MEMOIRES.

E. DM 500,000 BOOK GUARANTEE IN TRUST FUND IF DESIRED, OR FREE AND CLEAR.

LAST INDUCEMENT, ACCORDING TO CATUSK IS MOST APPEALING TO FELFE WHO, UNLIKE KIM PHILY, IS NOT IDEOLOGICAL COMMUNIST BUT RATHER AN AVARICIOUS INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM MONEY IS CHIEF MOTIVATION. ☐ ☐ STATES FELFE INDICATED TO HIS VISITOR THAT HE INTERESTED AND WILLING TO AGREE.

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4. SCHEME WOULD BE REVEALED ONLY TO STATE SECRETARY CARSTENS IN CHANCELLORY. [ ] IS PERSONALLY CONTROLLING THIS OPERATION THROUGH DIRECT SUPERVISION OF ACKERMANN. BECAUSE OF HISTORY OF CASE, CATUSK ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THAT RISKS ARE INVOLVED FOR WOFIRM AS WELL AS CATUSK IN THE ACTUAL MOVEMENT OF FELFE TO THE EAST PER SE; HOWEVER, CATUSK FEELS THAT, ~~PARTICIPATION~~ SHOULD PLAN GO SOUR, NO PARTICIPATION ~~IN EXCHANGE MANEUVER~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ COULD BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ~~WOFIRM~~ WOFIRM NOR, THEY HOPE, TO THEMSELVES. CATUSK IS OPEN TO ADVICE, GUIDANCE, AND POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE (TEMPORARY SAFEHAVEN IN U.S. OR ~~XXX~~ ELSEWHERE AND TRANSPORTATION THERETO, RELIABLE FOREIGN OR AMERICAN PUBLISHING CONTACT, ETC). [ ] IS PREPARED TO DISPATCH ACKERMANN WITH GERMAN STATION OFFICER TO HQS TO BRIEF [ ] SHOULD HQS DESIRE.

5. C    D STRESSED TIGHT SECURITY SURROUNDING THIS  
OP, WITH CARSTENS ONLY NON-CATUSKER WITTING. (ALIASES  
CASTROP AND HARTWIG ONLY ONES PRESENT WHEN C    D  
BRIEFED.) CATUSK BELIEVES THEY HAVE LEFT NO TRACES

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THEIR INVOLVEMENT SO FAR. CUT-OUT WHO APPROACHED FELFE HAS HAD CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ACKERMANN FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS AND ENJOYS HIS COMPLETE TRUST. AS BONA FIDES, CUT-OUT TOLD FELFE LEGITIMACY OF PROPOSAL PROVED BY "FACT THAT I AM SPEAKING TO YOU NOW IN YOUR CELL." IN EVENT ~~THESE GOVERNMENT~~ FELFE RENEGES AT EXCHANGE CEREMONY, THE WEST WILL STILL HAVE RECOVERED THE EX-CATUSKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THE THREE STUDENTS AS WELL.

6. ☐ ☐ POINTED OUT TO ☐ ☐ THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL COULD POSSIBLY RUN INTO DELAYS DUE TO TIMING CO-INCIDENT WITH CURRENT CHANGE IN NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

7. IF PLAN CONCURRED IN BY WOFIRM AND APPROVED BY CARSTENS, CATUSK BELIEVES IT CAN BE ACTIVATED BY END OF THIS WEEK OR, AT LATEST, END OF FOLLOWING WEEK.

8. ☐ ☐ ADVISED ☐ ☐ THAT IF BRIEFING OF ☐ ☐ OR OTHERS REQUESTED BY HQS, ☐ ☐ COULD PROBABLY ACCOMPANY ACKERMANN, BUT THAT PERHAPS STATION OR HQS

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WOULD PREFER OFFICER FROM ☐ ☐ WHO MAY HAVE  
BEEN INVOLVED IN PREVIOUS PRISONER EXCHANGE BUSINESS.

7. ☐ ☐ AND AKERMANN WILL BE IN BONN TUESDAY  
21 JANUARY AND WILL CONTACT ☐ ☐ BETWEEN 1400 AND  
1800 TO GIVE HIM FULL BRIEFING AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

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